

N^o I.

The CHURCH ACT.

Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Poll, for Minister's Maintenance.

Out of which he is to keep a Clerk.

No Minister, or others, to marry contrary to the Table of Marriages.

No Layman to marry where a Minister resides.

II. **And** for the Encouragement of faithful and able Ministers, labouring in the Work of the Gospel, to come and reside in this Province, **Be it Enacted** by the Authority aforesaid, That a Tax or Assessment of Forty Pounds of Tobacco *per Poll*, be yearly, and every Year successively, levied upon every taxable Person within each respective Parish within this Province, as they have been, now are, or hereafter shall be laid out, limited and appointed by the Laws of this Province, and entered upon Record, as the said former Laws therein did direct: which said Assessment of Forty Pounds of Tobacco *per Poll*, shall always be paid and allowed to the Minister of each respective Parish, having no other Benefice to officiate in, presented, inducted or appointed by His Excellency the Governour or Commander in Chief for the Time being: And every such Minister is hereby required and enjoined to appoint and constantly to keep a Clerk of such Parish Church, and to pay and satisfy such Clerk the Sum of One thousand Pounds of Tobacco yearly, and every Year, out of the said Forty *per Poll*.

III. **And** to prevent all illegal and unlawful Marriages, not allowable by the Church of *England*, but forbidden by the Table of Marriage, **Be it Enacted** by the Authority aforesaid, That no Minister, Priest or Magistrate shall presume to join together in Marriage any Persons whatsoever, contrary to the Table of Marriages by this Act appointed to be set up in every Parish Church within this Province, under the Penalty of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco: Nor shall any Person, forbidden to intermarry by such Table of Marriages, presume to be joined in Marriage, under the like Penalty of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco: Such Penalty and Forfeitures, on either Side, to be made to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, for the Uses in this Act hereafter mentioned.

IV. **And** to prevent any Lay Persons from joining any Persons in Marriage, where any Minister or Priest can be had, and to ascertain what shall be paid for Marriages; **Be it likewise Enacted** by the Authority aforesaid, That in every Parish where any Minister or Incumbent shall reside, and have Charge of Souls therein, no Justice or Magistrate, being a Layman, shall join any Person in Marriage, under the Penalty of Five thousand Pounds of Tobacco for such Offence, to our Sovereign Lord the King, as aforesaid: And that it shall be lawful to every Minister, to take and receive of every Person or Persons by him married, the Sum of Five Shillings Sterling, and no more; provided such Persons come to such Parish Church or Chappel, at Time of Divine Service, for solemnizing such Marriage.

V. **And**